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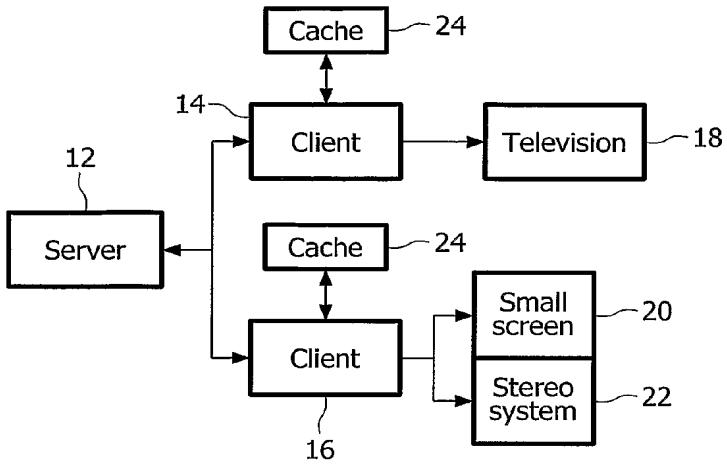
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(54) Title: HIERARCHICAL BROADCAST OF UI ASSETS



(57) **Abstract:** An audiovisual system (10) has a first client (14) and a second client (16), each client (14, 16) being connected to a server (12). The first client (14) includes a television (18), while the second client (16) includes a small screen (20) and a stereo system (22). The server (12) stores data representing items for example video programmes or pieces of music, the data including one or more assets (28) describing each item. An asset (28) may be, for example, the name of a video programme or piece of music; metadata of an item (for example the artist, year of production, or album); a still picture (an album cover or single frame of a video); or a background image or advertisement for a user interface. A client (14, 16) presents assets (28) to the user in the form of a hierarchical user interface (30). The user up-dates the user interface (30) each time he adds an item to, or removes an item from, the server (12), or edits an asset (28) already stored on the server (12). Figure 2 depicts an exemplary hierarchical user interface (30), consisting of a network of nodes.

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